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REMARKS

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1. From 21 to 28 November 1952, the Neue Infanterie Kaserne on Penzliner Chaussee, Neustrelitz, was occupied by about 3,000 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets, and some with tank or artillery insignia. On 14 and 27 October, trucks [] towing 76-mm AT guns left the installation. T-34 tank [] entered the installation. 1 2 SP guns.

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On 22 October, T-34 tanks [], 7 motor vehicles, [] and 140 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia, were detrained at the Neustrelitz railroad station and, subsequently, left for the Infanterie Kaserne. [] At about 6:30 p.m., T-34 tank [] entered the installation, coming from the town. Tanks []

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[] were seen leaving and entering the installation on 24 October. On 24 November, about 60 troops were drilling in the barracks yard. Two JS tanks left the installation toward Rudow and 2 T-34 tanks were seen at firing practice in the Steinwalde training area. On 25 November, an earth bunker was being constructed southwest of Tannenhof and 13 troops were seen in the Tannenhof training area. Twenty to 25 troops were at firing practice near the Steinwalde training area; truck [] was seen nearby. JS tank [] was seen entering the installation. On 28 November, 3 T-34 tanks, [] and 1 JS tank left the installation toward the

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Tannenhof training area. Four T-34 tanks and JSU-222 gun [] were seen en route toward Glambeck on Penzliner Chaussee. On the same day, 1 officer and 8 EM with 2 trucks mounting heavy machine guns, and 3 motorcycles were at firing practice in the Steinwalde training area. An AAA emplacement with 4 x 37-mm AA guns on which 12 troops received instruction, was seen in Jagen (forest section) No 80, north of the installation, and another AAA emplacement with 4 x 37-mm AA guns and 12 troops was southwest of the installation on the hill south of the Tannenhof.

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2. On 24 November, the restricted area on the northern shore of Glambecker Lake, was occupied by about 120 to 130 troops wearing all types of service color and insignia. [] the light occupation was due to the fact that a number of troops were on leave or had been discharged.

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3. On 24 November, the restricted area on Fritz Reuter Strasse, including Wilhelm Pieck Strasse and Muehlen Strasse, was occupied by about 140 to 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. [] the light occupation was caused by the fact that a number of troops were on leave or had been discharged. Normal training activity was observed in the installation. Individual details with signal equipment were tracked to Jagen No 71 for practices.

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4. On 23 November, the restricted area on Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse, southeast of the railroad station and between Dr Wilhelm Kuelz Strasse and Gotha Strasse, was occupied by about 120 to 130 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. From 18 October to 12 November, 7 x 122-mm field howitzers and 2 x 76-mm AT guns were seen in the restricted area. On 23 November, 7 troops practiced firing with a 122-mm field howitzer at the firing range in Jagen No 40. []

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5. On 26 November, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne on Strelitzer Strasse was occupied by about 350 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. [] the lighter occupation of the installation was due to the fact that a number of soldiers were on leave or had been discharged. On 23 October, about 30 recruits received instruction on 3 x 120-mm mortars in the barracks yard.

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6. On 18 October, the Domjusch restricted area, south of Neustrelitz, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 23 November, [] the number of troops stationed there had decreased, however, no details were available. On 30 October, a T-34 tank entered the restricted area, coming from the Holigwerke repair shop. No training activity other than the construction of obstacles near the gate and the construction of infantry shelters was observed. []

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7. On 27 November, troops received infantry training in the Schlossgarten restricted area, east of Schlosskoppel Allee. No information on the strength of the troops stationed there could be obtained because of strict security measures. []

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3. On 26 November, the engineer camp in the Sportlager restricted area on the road to Zinnow was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia, while the supply depot was occupied by about 50 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 11 November, jeep [] and trucks [], occupied by 12 troops and loaded with lumber, went to the sawmill.

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9. On 26 November, 18 troops practiced firing, 17 troops constructed an earth bunker and a 120-mm mortar was on a frame, in the Schindertannen training area. []

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10. From 1 to 4 November, loadings and unloadings at the Neustrelitz railroad station included:
 Several [] tanks, which were detrained and moved to the Neue Infanterie Kaserne on 1 November. 25X1
 About 500 to 600 troops with all kinds of service colors, and with baggage, who were trucked to the station and entrained at about 3 p.m. on 4 November. 25X1
 [] these troops who had come from the Infanterie Kaserne were discharges. They included 25 troops from the Sportlager, who had arrived in the Neue Infanterie Kaserne on truck [] 25X1
11. From 23 to 26 September, several sheets of paper with notes on instruction, approved by Lieutenant Glazunov (fnu), commanding officer of a reconnaissance platoon, were found at a garbage dump near Gerhart Hauptmann Strasse, Neustrelitz.³ 25X1
12. From 25 October to 6 November, the restricted area on Fritz Reuter Strasse was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. About 30 motor vehicles, including 3 armored scout cars, were seen during the period of observation. [] 25X1
13. From 25 October to 6 November, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne was occupied to capacity. From 13 October to 6 November, 3 rocket launchers each with 16 rockets, recruits receiving instruction on 6 x 120-mm mortars, 40 troops practicing mounting and relieving the guard and 40 recruits at physical training were seen in the barracks yard. [] 25X1
14. On 18 October, the Schlossgarten restricted area [] 25X1
 [] was occupied by about 500 troops. On 18 October, a unit with 12 rocket launchers, each with 16 rockets, and 9 x 75-mm AA guns left the installation. On 19 October, 16 x 75-mm AA guns were seen in the restricted area. [] 25X1
15. From 21 to 29 October, T-34/85 tanks [] were detrained; and 2 JSU 122 guns, [] 5 T-34 tanks, [] repair shop truck [] and an undetermined number of dump trucks, barbed-wire reels, billeting equipment, ammunition boxes for artillery ammunition and portable switchboards, which had been unloaded from trucks [] were entrained, at the Neustrelitz railroad station.² 25X1
16. From 25 October to 6 November, trucks [] occupied by men on leave, including numerous air force soldiers, daily went to the station at about 10 p.m. 25X1

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1. Comment. Information contained in the present report indicates no changes in the distribution of the units of the 9th Gds Tank Div in the military installations of the Neustrelitz post over previous reports. It is believed possible, that recruits of the 126th Gds RL Bn stationed in the Schlossgarten restricted area received instruction on M-13 rocket launchers in the Alte Grenadier Kaserne, because of lack of room. According to a report of early August 1952, elements of a medium tank regiment and the 74th Gds Rcn Bn of the division have been carried in the Domjuech restricted area. It is believed that they had been transferred to this installation for training purposes. According to information contained in the present report, the restricted area appears to remain occupied during the winter; however, the troops stationed there could not be identified. Motor vehicle belongs to a headquarters unit of the Second Gds Mecz Army.
2. Comment. The tanks belong to a tank unit of the 1st Mecz Div which arrived in Neustrelitz on 21 October and, on 30 October, returned to Doeberitz.
3. Comment. Probably the reconnaissance platoon of the 495th How Bn (US) of the 9th Gds Tank Div.

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